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SUBJECT: ARMED FORCES CHIEFS OF STAFF EXPRESS "REPULSION" OVER
EXHORTATORY ARTICLE ON ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE IN "EL ALCAZAR"

1. THE COUNCIL OF ARMED FORCES CHIEFS OF STAFF ISSUED
A BRIEF NOTE AFTER ITS MAY 14 MEETING IN WHICH IT EXPRESSED
THE UNANIMOUS REPULSION (REPULSA) OF ITS MEMBERS OVER A
PARTICULARLY INFLAMMATORY ARTICLE ON THE FORTHCOMING MAY 29 ARMED
FORCES DAY PARADE WHICH APPEARED IN THE MAY 12 EDITION OF
"EL ALCAZAR," THE MOUTHPIECE OF THE ULTRA-RIGHTIST
VETERANS' CONFEDERATION.

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2. THE ARTICLE IN QUESTION, WHICH CAME CLOSE TO INCITING
REBELLION:
--LAMENTED THE CHANGE IN THE PARADE'S NAME FROM "VICTORY
DAY PARADE" (MEANING FRANCO'S CIVIL WAR VICTORY) TO "ARMED
FORCES DAY PARADE;"
--EXPRESSED BEWILDERMENT THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME ARMORED

ELEMENTS WOULD NOT TAKE PART AND WONDERED IF THE GOVT COULD POSSIBLY FEAR THAT THESE UNITS MIGHT "CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF MARCH AND TRAIN THEIR CANNONS ON POINTS OF THE CAPITAL DISTINCT FROM THE FINAL DESTINATION OF THE PARADE;" AND --BEMOANED THE "CERTAIN" PRESENCE ALONG THE ROUTE OF COMMUNISTS, FISTS IN THE AIR.

3. THE ARTICLE ALSO WARNS THAT THE MILITARY, AS AN ACT OF DISCIPLINE, CONTINUES TO YIELD TO "POLITICAL IMPOSITIONS," AND REMINDS ITS READERS THAT "BEFORE DISCIPLINE COMES HONOR."

4. COMMENT: "ALCAZAR," WHICH ALSO ATTEMPTED TO STIR UP THE MILITARY BY PUBLISHING APOCRYPHAL COMMUNIQUE IN THE WAKE OF PCE LEGALIZATION, IS NOTORIOUS FOR DOING WHAT IT CAN TO TURN THE CLOCK BACK. THE COUNCIL'S BRIEF BUT VERY POINTED PUBLIC NOTE, HOWEVER, CONVEYS THE ARMED FORCES CHIEFS OF STAFF MESSAGE QUITE CLEARLY -- THEY WILL NOT BE PROVOKED BY THE ULTRA-RIGHT INTO POLITICAL INTERVENTION. STABLER

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